Meet Dmitri Medvedev

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Online Resources

1. The BBC offers their interpretation of the new Russia leader, with a profile of their own on Dmitri Medvedev. With a timeline of his rise to political power, feature article and links, this a good starting point to learning even more about President Medvedev.

   http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/7136556.stm

2. NPR's Daniel Schorr did a short audio feature back in March 2008 on the prospect of Medvedev's presidency. Corey Flintoff, also of NPR, wrote an article on how Medvedev is likely to run Russia during his presidency. The article and podcast are available here:

   http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=87898684

3. Russia Today — the first 24/7 English-language news channel designed to present the Russian point of view on events happening in Russia and around the globe — has nearly an hour-long video covering the inauguration of Dmitri Medvedev held at the Grand Kremlin Palace in Moscow. Such coverage provides a unique insight into the cultural traditions associated with a transition in political power. It is available on YouTube:

   http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ak40X7zp-uA

4. Russia Profile — an English-language information service offering analysis of Russian politics, economics, society and culture — offers their prospective on the new leader of Russia with a profile of Medvedev. It includes information about his childhood, education, business career, political philosophy and the recent Russian election.

   http://www.russiaprofile.org/resources/whoiswho/alphabet/m/medvedev.wbp

5. The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Moscow has information on U.S.-Russian relations, Vladimir Putin's presidency and elections/transition in Russia. The website also provides a number of links and recommends several books on domestic and international policy as they relate to Russia.

   http://www.carnegie.ru/en/

6. The U.S. Library of Congress provides a country profile of Russia. In addition to basic demographic facts, the profile has a brief history of the country, information about its economic and political development and updates on

recent technology and energy innovations. It is a great introduction to understanding Russia in today's world.

http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/profiles/Russia.pdf

7. The United Kingdom's Aberdeen University has a project called Russia Votes that operates through their Center for the Study of Public Policy (CSPP). Since the political transformation in Russia back in 1992, the CSPP has conducted surveys monitoring public response to transformation across Central and East Europe and the former Soviet Union. Polls. In addition, Russian opinion polls and background information on the presidency, Duma (Parliament), social issues and national security are posted on the center's website.

   http://www.russiavotes.org/index.php?S776173303132=491c016d76e88e4c2b18dfa5475806b5

8. Project Syndicate —a non-profit international association of newspapers — has a page dedicated to better understanding events happening inside Russia. Articles available on this site — written by prominent Russian citizens — include regularly updated commentaries on the country's political and cultural life.

   http://www.project-syndicate.org/series/6/description

9. The fifth edition of "Politics in Russia" — by Thomas F. Remington — was released in August 2007. It provides up-to-date coverage, through a comparative framework, of Russia's contemporary political system and its recent evolution. "Politics in Russia" claims to help students explore the complexities and ambiguities of Russian politics today and is available for purchase on Amazon:

   http://www.amazon.com/Politics-Russia-5th-Thomas-Remington/dp/0205586023/ref=pd_bbs_sr_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1212177443&sr=8-1

10. The New York Times has an extensive webpage dedicated to Russia's relationship with the former Soviet Union. It includes photo galleries, videos, country profiles and a number of relevant stories which will be useful in learning more — in an interactive setting — about Russia's post-Soviet relationships.

    http://topics.nytimes.com/top/news/international/countriesandterritories/russiaandtheformersovietunion/index.html

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